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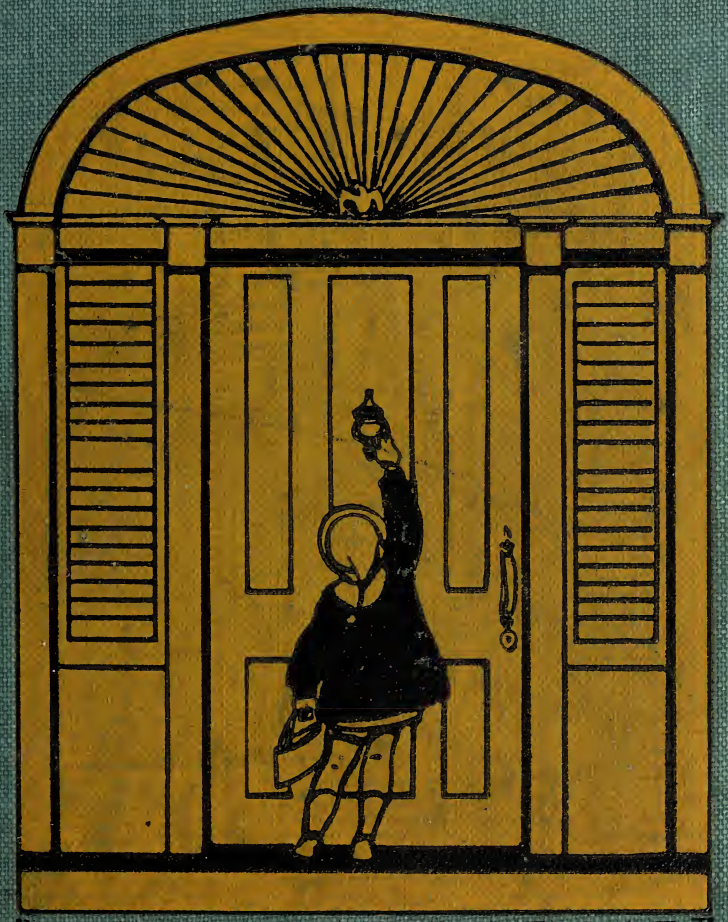

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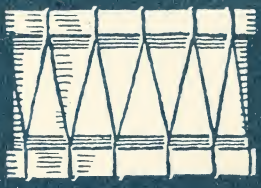

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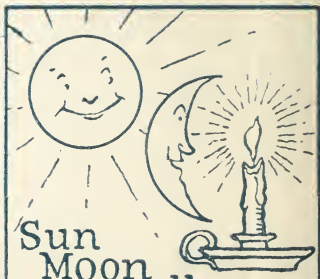

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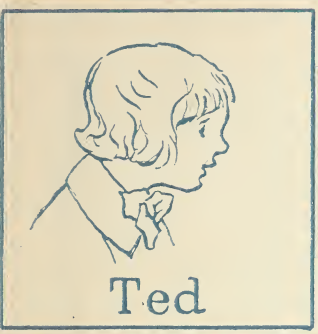
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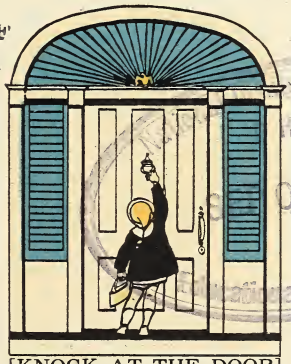

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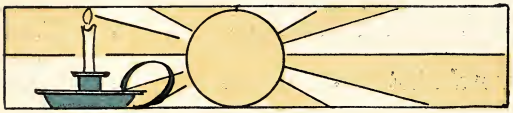

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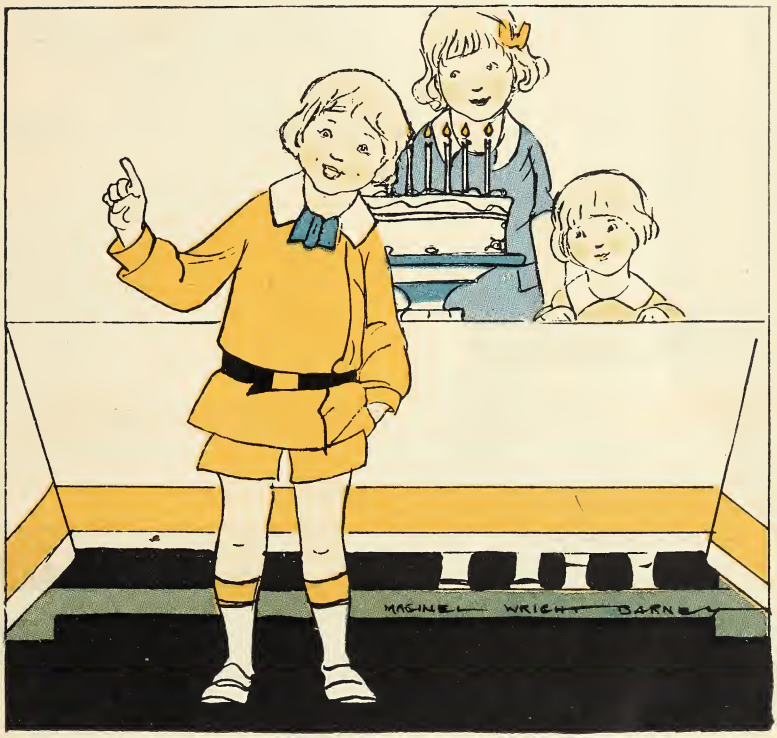


Guess what day this is.

Guess! guess!

This is my birthday.

This is my birthday cake.

What a big cake!

Happy birthday, Ted.

Happy birthday.

Here is something for you.

Guess what this is.

A ball, a ball!

This is a big ball.

Thank you, Mother.

Thank you for this big ball.

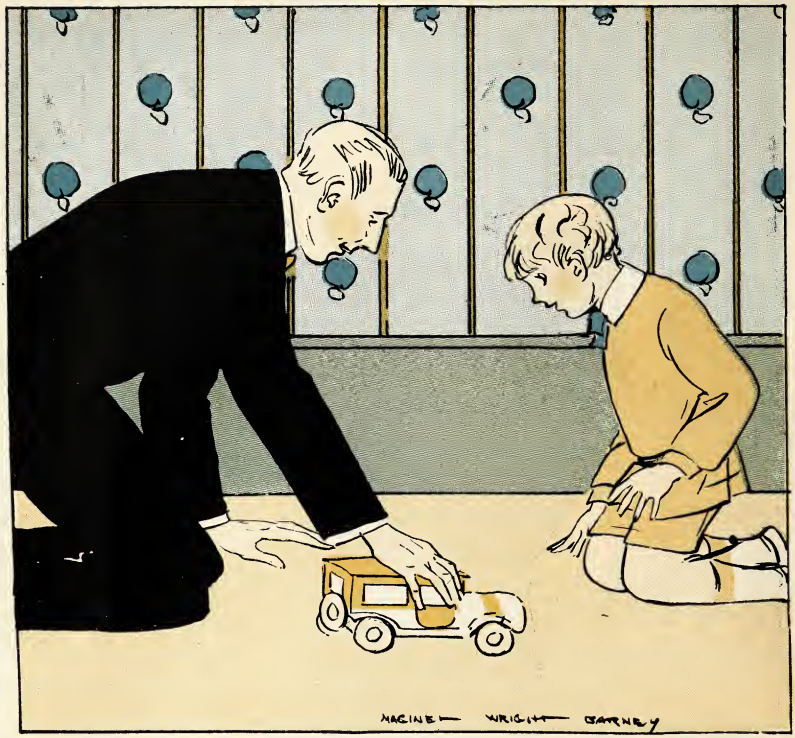
Happy birthday, Ted.

Happy, happy birthday.

Here is something for you.

It is something you will like.

Guess what this is.



A little automobile!

Thank you, Father, thank you.

Thank you for this automobile.

I like this little automobile.

Go, automobile, go!

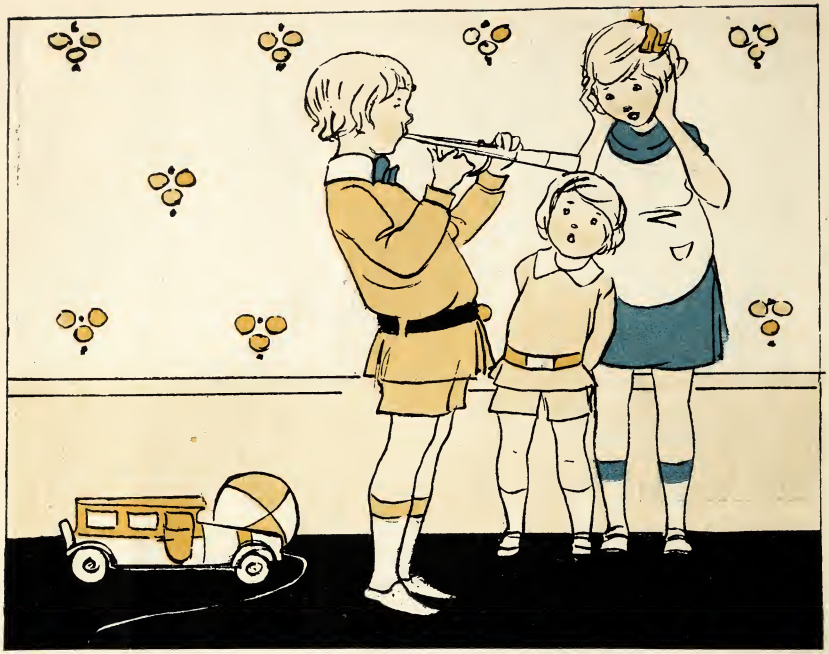
Go, go, go!

Happy birthday, Ted.

Joe and I will give you something.

It is something you will like.

Guess what this is.



It is a horn.

It is a little horn.

Thank you, Mary.

Thank you, Joe.

I like this little horn.

I can blow this horn.

I can blow my automobile horn.

Happy birthday, Ted.

I will give you something.

Guess what I will give you.

I will give you a kiss.

Mary, Mary!

Play ball with me.

Play with my birthday ball.

I will throw my ball to you.

You can throw it to me.

I will play with you, Ted.

I like to play ball.

Throw the ball to me.

I will catch it.

I will catch it and throw it to you.

Do This

Throw a little ball.
Catch a little ball.

Throw a big ball.
Catch a big ball.

Blow a little horn.
Blow it and blow it.

Play with a little automobile.
Blow the automobile horn.

Throw me a kiss.

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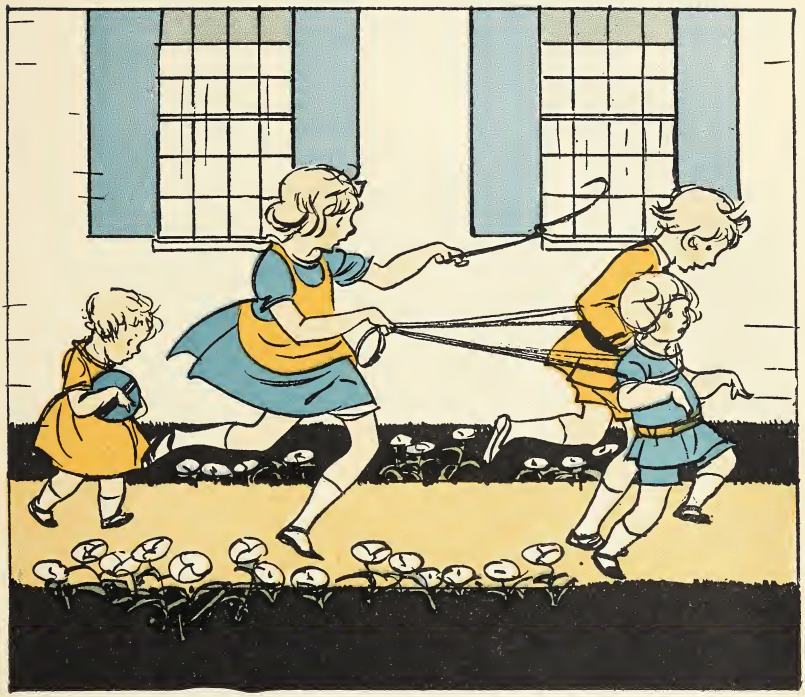


Here are Ted and Joe.

Here are Mary and Baby.

They like to play.

They like to play with toys.

The Toy Man

I am the toy man.

I have pretty toys.

I have toys for girls.

I have toys for boys.

Come, little girls and boys.
Come and see my pretty toys.
Come, little girls and boys.
Come and buy my pretty toys.

Have you a drum, Toy Man?

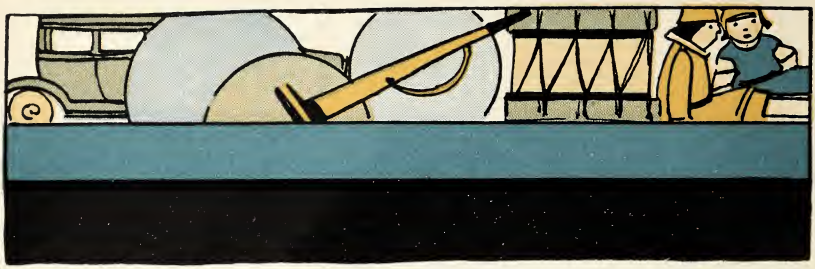
Yes, little boy.

I have pretty drums.

I have big drums and little drums.

Have you a balloon, Toy Man?

Yes, little girl, I have a balloon.
Here are pretty little balloons.
Here are horns and automobiles.



Joe Buys Toys

The toy man said,
"Good morning, my boy.
Come and buy a pretty toy.
Will you buy a balloon?"

Joe said, "Good morning, Toy Man.
I will not buy a balloon.
I like drums and horns.
I will buy this big drum.
I will buy this little horn.
I can beat the drum.
I can blow the horn."

Mary Buys a Toy

The toy man said,
"Good morning, little girl.
Come and buy a pretty toy.
Will you buy a drum?"

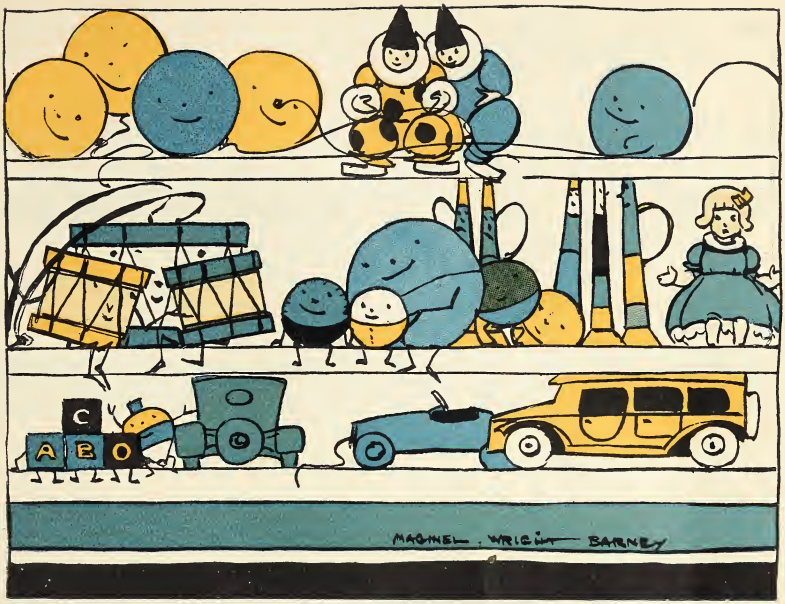
Mary said, "Good morning.
I will buy this pretty ball.
I can throw and catch a ball."

What Can I Do?

I can beat my drum.
I can beat my balloon.
I can beat my automobile.

I can blow a ball.
I can blow a horn.
I can blow a drum.

I can buy Baby.
I can buy toys.
I can buy Father and Mother.



In the Toy Shop

The toys are in the toy shop.

Here are big drums.

Here are little drums.

Here are pretty little balloons.

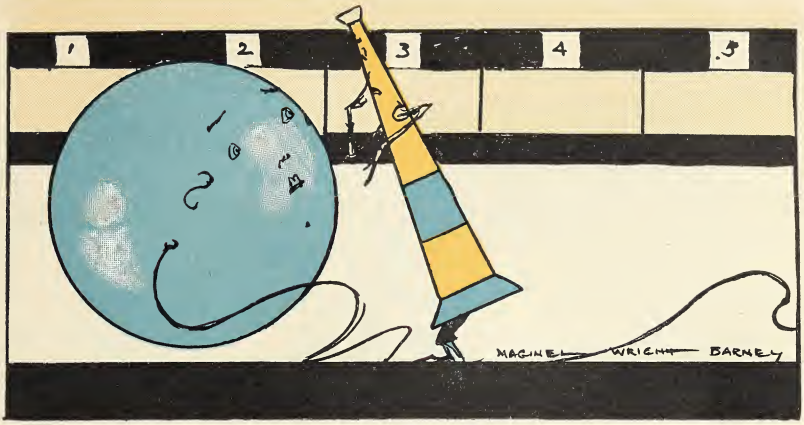
Here are horns.

Here are little automobiles.

Here are big balls and little balls.

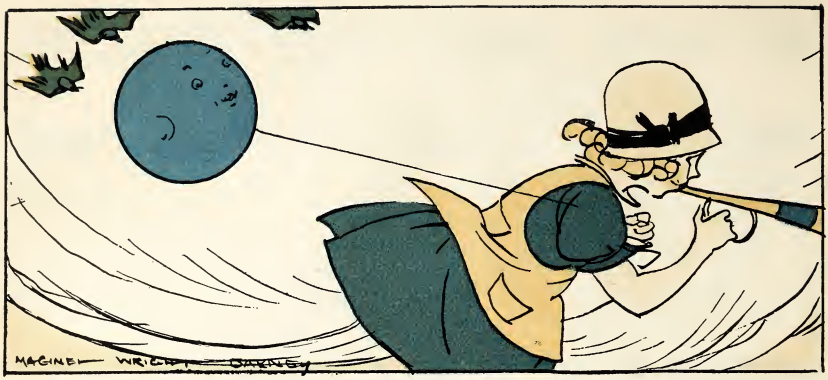
One day a little drum said,
"I do not want to live in a toy shop.
I want to live with a boy.
I want a boy to play with me."

A big ball said,
"I do not want to live in a toy shop.
I want a boy to play with me.
I want a boy to throw me.
I want a boy to catch me."



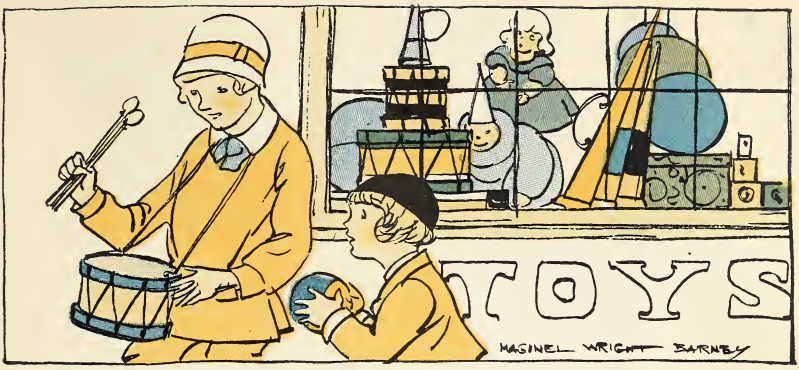
A pretty horn said,
"I do not want to live in a toy shop.
I want to live with a little girl.
I want a little girl to play with me."

A little balloon said,
"I do not want to live in a toy shop.
I want to live with a little girl.
She can make me go up.
She can make me come down.
I like to go up and come down."



Mary came to the toy shop.
She said, "I want a balloon.
I will buy this balloon.
I like to blow a horn.
I will buy this pretty little horn."

The pretty little balloon
went to live with Mary.
The pretty little horn
went to live with Mary.
They were happy.



Ted and Joe came to the toy shop.
Ted said, "I want a drum.
I like this little drum.
I will buy it."

Joe said, "I will buy this ball.
I like to play with a big ball.
I can throw it and catch it."

The drum went to live with Ted.
The ball went to live with Joe.
The drum and ball were happy.

The Balloon Man

Balloons! balloons!

I have pretty yellow balloons.

I have green and blue balloons.

Come, boys and girls.

Come and buy my pretty balloons.

Make

Make a big birthday cake.
Make a little birthday cake.

Make a little automobile.
Make the automobile green.

Make a big ball.
Make a little ball.
Make the little ball blue.

Make a big horn.
Make a little horn.
Make the big horn yellow.

Make a big balloon.
Make a little balloon.
Make the little balloon blue.

Betty and the Toys

One day Betty went to a toy shop.
She saw pretty toys.
She saw big dolls and little dolls.
She saw horns and balloons.

Betty said to a pretty green balloon,
"Come and play with me.
I want you to go up and come down."

The green balloon said, "No, Betty.
I do not want to play with you.
You are not good to your toys.
You do not put your toys away."

Betty said to a little doll,
"Come and play with me."

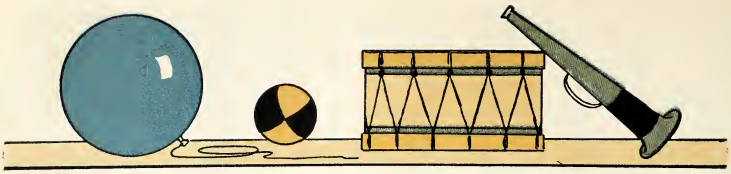
The little doll said, "No, Betty.
I do not want to play with you.
You are not good to your toys.
You do not put your toys away.
You break your toys."

Betty said, "Please play with me.
Please play with me, pretty balloon.
Please play with me, little doll.
I will not break you.
I will put you away.
Will you play with me?"

The pretty green balloon said,
"Yes, Betty, I will play with you.
Take me with you.
I like to play with a good girl.
I like to live with a good girl."

The little doll said,
"Yes, Betty, I will play with you.
Take me with you.
I like to live with a good girl."

The toys went to live with Betty.
She did not break them.
She put them away.
She was good to them.

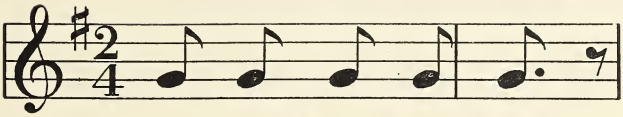


What Am I?

You can make me go up.
You can make me come down.
You like to play with me.
Guess what I am.

Throw me up, up, up.
I will come down.
You can throw and catch me.
Guess what I am.

Boys like to play with me.
Girls like to play with me.
Boys and girls like to blow me.
Guess what I am.



Come and Make a Ring

Come and make a ring,
Come and make a ring,
Happy girls and happy boys,
Come and make a ring.

Come and all take hands,
Come and all take hands,
Take my right hand, take my left,
Come and all take hands.

Come and go around,
Come and go around,
Around we go, around we go,
Come and go around.

Come and all shake hands,
Come and all shake hands.
How do you do? How do you do?
Come and all shake hands.

Come and all wave hands,
Come and all wave hands.
Good-by to you! Good-by to you!
Come and all wave hands.

True. Not True

Boys and girls shake hands.

Boys blow horns.

Balloons go up, up, up.

Mother makes automobiles.

Little girls live in toy shops.

We throw and catch balls.

We throw horns up and down.

Girls play with balls.

Boys blow drums.

Boys and girls like automobiles.

Father makes big cakes.

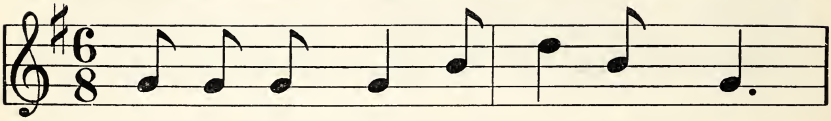
I throw my toys around.

I put my toys away.

I like a big birthday cake.

See-Saw

See-saw, up and down,
Here we go to London town.
Up and down, up and down,
This is the way to London town.



What Is the Way to London Town?

What is the way to London town,
London town, London town?
What is the way to London town?
Oh, do you know the way?

This is the way to London town,
London town, London town.
This is the way to London town.
Oh, yes, I know the way.

How do you go to London town,
London town, London town?
How do you go to London town?
Oh, do you know the way?

Put one foot up and one foot down,
One foot up, one foot down.
Put one foot up and one foot down,
To go to London town.

With one foot up and one foot down,
Up and down, up and down,
With one foot up and one foot down,
We go to London town.

Oh, turn to left and turn to right,
Left and right, left and right.
Oh, turn to left and turn to right,
And here is London town.

Look and Do

GO

STOP

Turn to left

Turn to right

Turn around

Blow your horn

Look to right

Look to left

Do This

1. Say "Good morning" to a boy.
2. Say "Good morning" to a girl.
3. Shake hands with a little girl.
4. Say "Good-by" to a little girl.
5. Wave good-by to a big girl.
6. Shake hands with a big boy.
7. Say "Good-by" to a boy.
8. Throw a kiss to a little girl.
9. Wave your right hand.
10. Wave your left hand.
11. Put your right foot down.
12. Put your left foot up.

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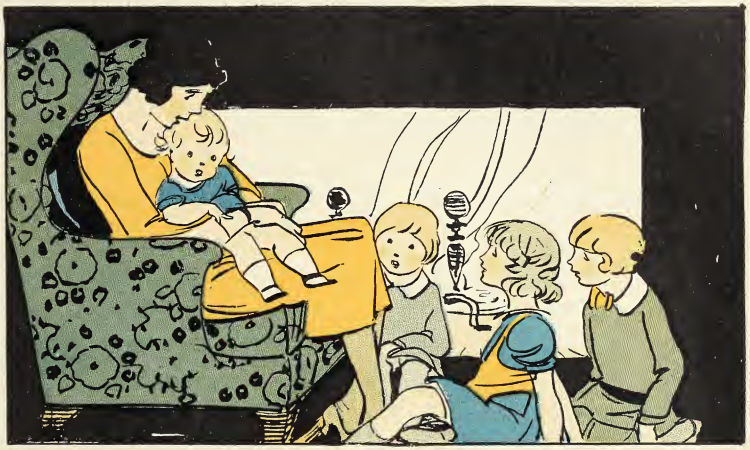


One day Joe said, "Oh, Mother! Please tell about the little candle."

"Tell about the wind and sun," said Ted.

"Tell about Robin," said Baby.

"Please tell all the stories, Mother," said Mary. "I like them all."

The Little Candle

A little Candle said,
"How bright I am! How bright I am!"

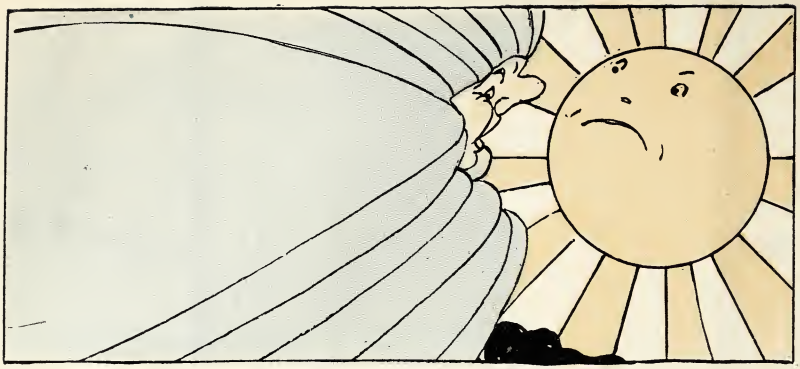
The Moon said,
"You are bright, little Candle,
but I am brighter than you."

The little Candle said, "No, Moon!
You are not brighter than I."

The Sun said,
"You are bright, little Candle,
but the Moon is brighter than you,
and I am brighter than you."

The little Candle said,
"I am brighter than the Moon.
I am brighter than the Sun."

The Wind said, "Oh, little Candle!
I can not blow out the Sun,
I can not blow out the Moon,
but I can blow you out.
Oo-oo-o! Oo-oo-o! Out you go!"

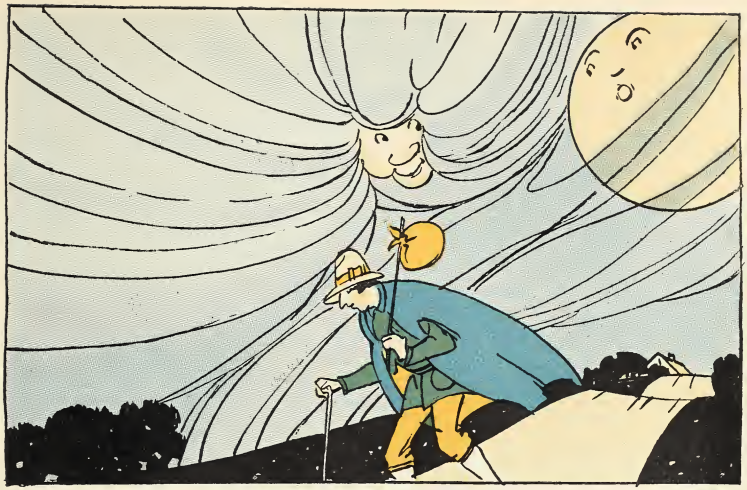


The Wind and the Sun

One day the Wind said,
"Oo-oo-o! How strong I am!
I am stronger than the Sun."

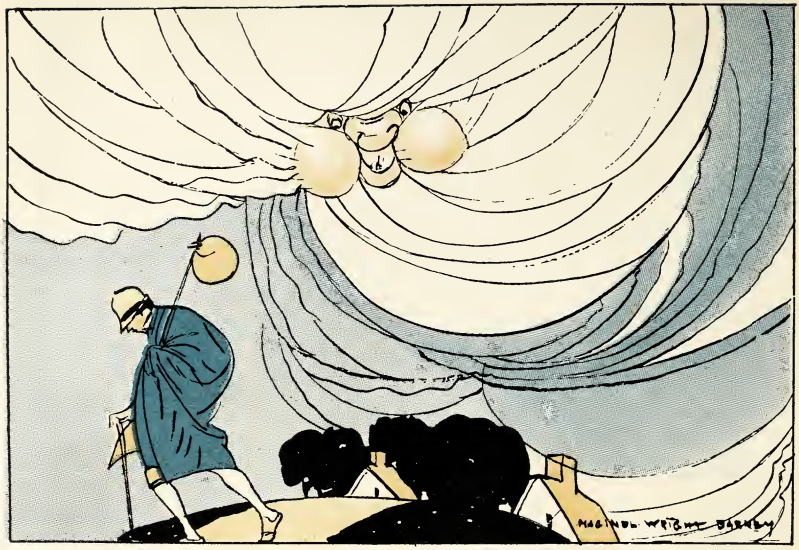
The Sun said to the Wind,
"You are strong, Wind,
but I am stronger than you are."

"I am stronger," said the Wind.
"You are not," said the Sun.
"I am! I am!" said the Wind.



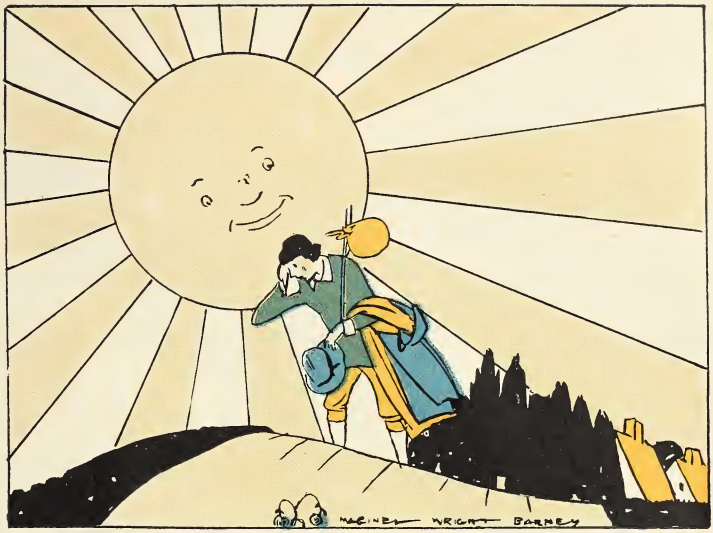
The Sun said,
"We will see who is stronger."
The Wind said, "How can we?"

The Sun said, "Here comes a Man.
Can you make the Man
take off his coat?
If you can, you are stronger than I.
If I make the Man take off his coat,
I am stronger than you."



The Wind blew.
The Man did not take off his coat.
The Wind blew and blew and blew.
The Man did not take off his coat.

The Wind said to the Sun,
"I can not get the coat off."
The Sun said,
"I will see what I can do."



The Sun came out.
It was bright and warm.

The Man said, "How warm it is!
I will take off my coat."
And off it came.

The Wind said, "Sun, you made
the Man take off his coat.
You are stronger than I."

What Am I?

I am bright.
I am brighter than the candle.
I am brighter than the moon.
The wind can not blow me out.
Can you guess what I am?

I am bright.
The moon and sun are brighter.
The wind can blow me out.
Can you guess what I am?

I am bright.
I am brighter than the candle.
The sun is brighter than I.
The wind can not blow me out.
Can you guess what I am?

The Nest that Robin Made

Here is the nest
that Robin made.

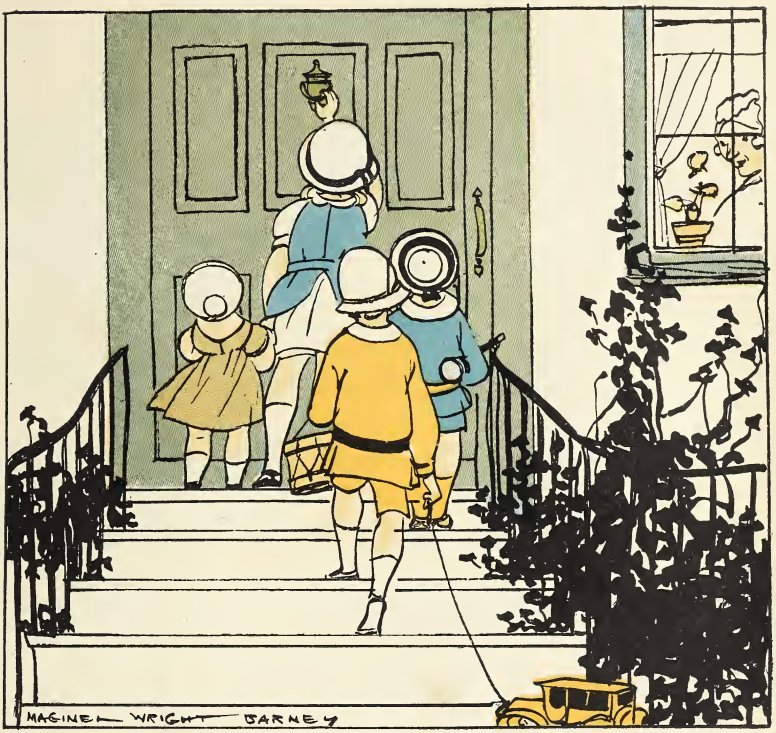
Here are the eggs
that were in the nest
that Robin made.

Here are the birds
that came from the eggs
that were in the nest
that Robin made.

Here is the cat
that climbed the tree
to catch the birds
that were in the nest
that Robin made.

Here is the boy
that caught the cat
that climbed the tree
to catch the birds
that were in the nest
that Robin made.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO

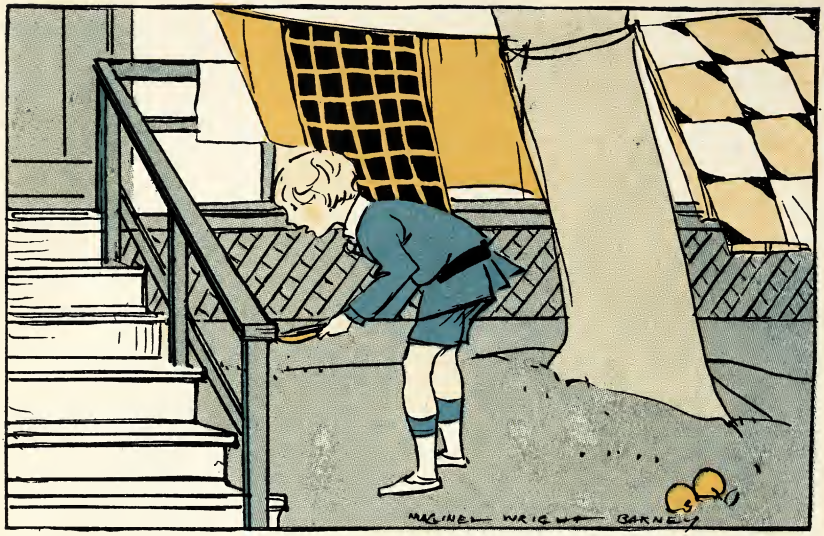


What good times the children have!

They play with Kitty.

They play with toys.

They go to see Grandmother.



Kitty and the Robin

One day Ted called, "Kitty! Kitty!
Come, Kitty, come!"
Kitty did not come.

Ted looked and looked for Kitty.
He called, "Kitty! Kitty! Kitty!
Where are you, Kitty?
Come and play with me."

Kitty did not come.
She did not want to play with Ted.
She saw a little robin in a tree,
and she wanted to catch it.
She climbed up the tree.
She caught the little robin!

Ted saw Kitty in the tree.
He saw her come down.
She had the robin in her mouth.
Ted ran and caught her.
He said, "Kitty! Kitty!
Let that robin go."

He made Kitty let the robin go.
He said, "Oh, Kitty! Kitty!
Do not catch the pretty birds."

Ted ran to his mother.
"Oh, Mother!" he said.
"Kitty climbed up the tree
and caught a little robin.
I made her let it go.
I do not want her to catch birds.
I am going to tie her.
I will tie her to the tree."

Mother said to Ted,
"Do not tie Kitty to the tree.
I will give you this little bell.
Tie it around her neck.
The birds will hear the bell ring
and they will all go away.
Kitty can not catch them."

Ted ran and caught Kitty.
He tied the bell around her neck
and let her go.

"Ting-a-ling!" went the bell.
"The cat is coming.
Get out of her way, little birds."

All the birds went away.
Kitty did not catch one of them.

Make

Make a toy big boys like.
Make a toy little girls like.
Make a toy Baby likes.

Make a little automobile.
Put a man in the automobile.
Put a girl and a boy in it.

Make a see-saw.
Make a little girl going up.
Make a little boy coming down.

Make a tree.
Make a little nest in the tree.
Put eggs in the nest.

A Toy for Little Joe

Little Joe said, "Mary, Mary!
Where are you going?"

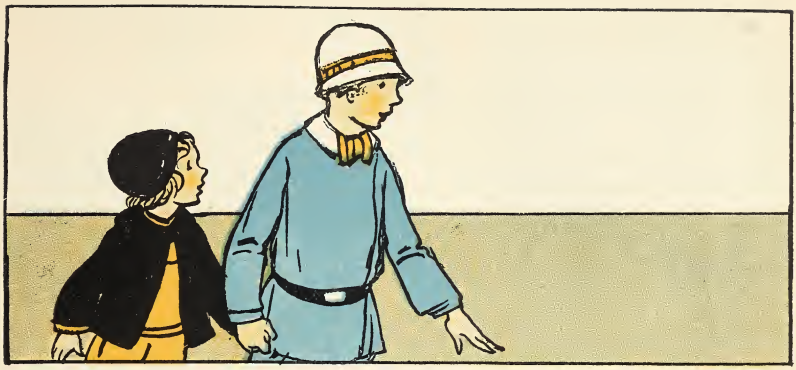
Mary said,
"I am going to the toy shop.
I am going to buy a toy."

Joe asked,
"What are you going to buy?"
Mary said,
"I want a pretty doll.
I am going to buy a Boy Blue doll."

Joe asked,
"Will you let me play with it?"
Mary said, "No, I will not.
You will break my Boy Blue."

Joe said, "I will not break it.
Please let me play with Boy Blue."
Mary said, "No, Joe.
I will not let you play with it.
I want to play with my Boy Blue."

Mary ran away to the toy shop.



Little Joe saw Ted.
Joe asked, "Where are you going?"
Ted said,
"I am going to the toy shop."

Joe asked,
"What are you going to buy, Ted?"
Ted said, "Come with me.
Come to the toy shop with me,
and you will see what I buy."

The boys ran to the toy shop.

Mary was in the toy shop.
Ted and little Joe came in.

Ted asked,
"What did you buy, Mary?"
Mary said, "I have this doll.
See! It is a Boy Blue doll.
What are you going to buy, Ted?"

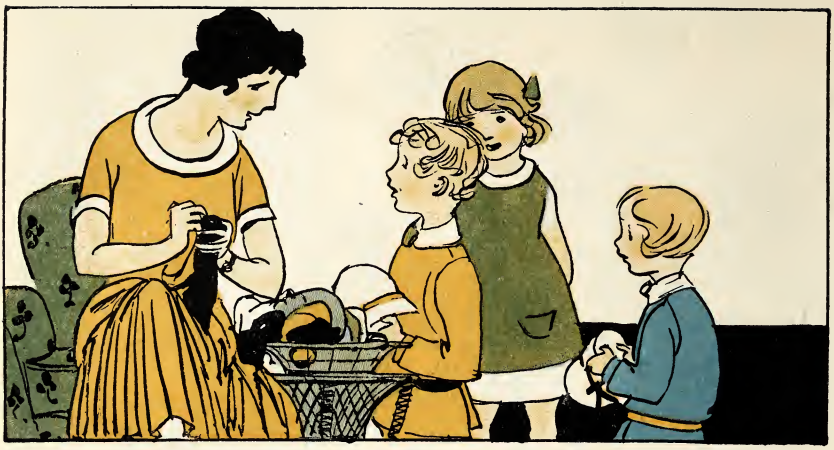
Ted said, "I do not know.
I was going to buy a little drum,
but I want to give Joe a toy.
Oh, I will get two balloons.
I will get a green balloon for Joe
and I will have a yellow one."

Joe said, "Thank you, Ted.
Oh, what a pretty green balloon!"

The boys ran from the toy shop, and Mary went out of the shop.

Joe said, "Come and play, Mary. Come and play with my balloon."

Mary said, "Thank you, Joe, and we will play with my doll."



Going to See Grandmother

One morning Ted said, "Mother, may I go to see Grandmother?" Mother said, "Yes, Ted, you may."

Mary said, "May Joe and I go?" Mother said, "Yes, Mary. You may all go."

"Good-by, Mother," said the children. Away they ran.

"Here we are," said Mary.

Joe said, "Let me ring the bell."
The bell went ting-a-ling!
Grandmother came out.

Mary said, "Oh, Grandmother,
we have come to see you."

Joe said, "Did you hear the bell?
Did you hear me ring the bell?
I have come to see you, Grandmother.
I will shake hands with you.
I shake hands with my right hand."

Grandmother said, "That is good!
Come in, Joe. Come, Mary and Ted.
Come and see what I am making.
You will like what I am making."

Ted said, "I smell cookies.
How good they smell!"
Mary said, "And I see cookies.
How good they look!"

Grandmother said, "We will eat them.
We will see if they are good.
Here is a cooky for you, Mary.
Here is one for you, Ted."

Ted and Mary said, "Thank you.
What good cookies!"

Grandmother said, "Little Joe,
here is a big cooky for you."

Joe said, "Thank you, Grandmother.
This is a good cooky.
I like big cookies."

Ted said, "Come, Mary and Joe.
It is time to go home."

Little Joe did not want to go.
He said, "I do not want to go home.
I like Grandmother.
I like her cookies."

Grandmother said, "Here is a cooky.
You may take it home with you.
Here is a cooky for you, Mary,
and here is one to take to Mother.
Here is a cooky for you, Ted,
and here is one to take to Father."

The children said,
"Thank you, Grandmother.
We will take the cookies home."

Grandmother said, "Good-by.
Come to see me again."

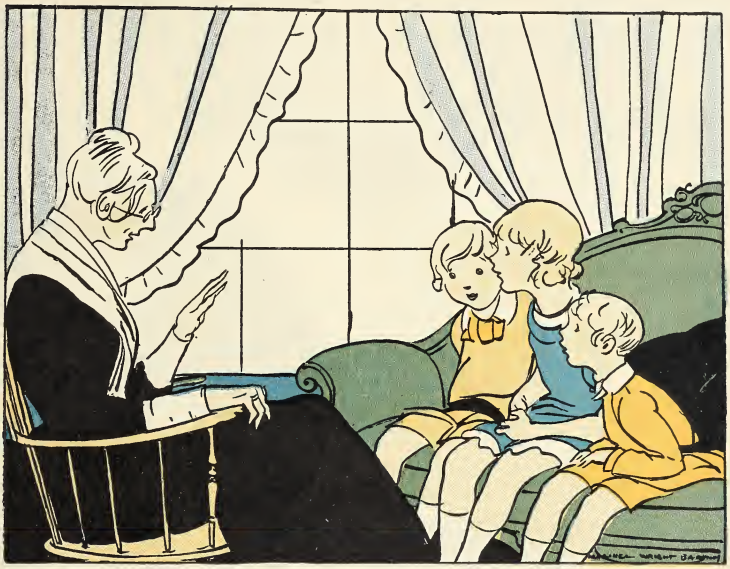
Ted and Mary said, "Good-by.
We will come again, Grandmother."

Little Joe said, "Good-by, good-by.
I will come to see you again.
Will you give me a big cooky?"

Yes. No

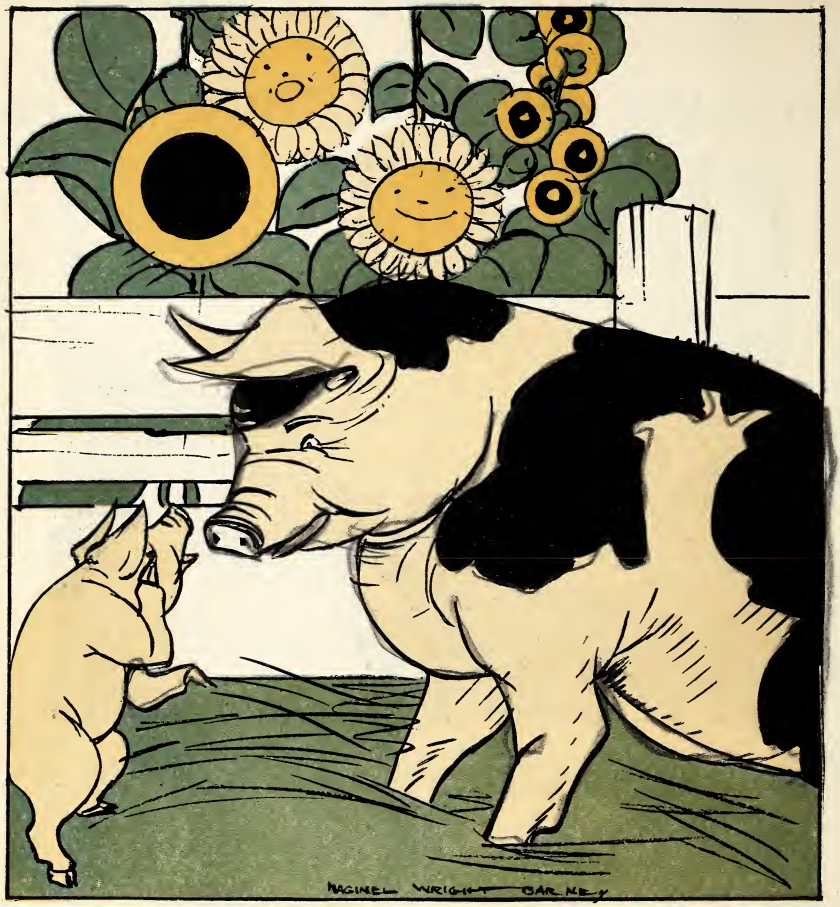
1. Did Ted go to see Grandmother?
2. Did Mary ring the bell?
3. Did Grandmother make cookies?
4. Did she make a big cake?
5. Did she give Joe a little cooky?
6. Did she give Mary a cooky?
7. Did she give Ted a cooky?
8. Did Joe thank Grandmother?
9. Did Ted take Mother a cooky?
10. Did Mary take Father a cooky?
11. Did Joe take a cooky home?
12. Did Joe want to go home?
13. Did he want to come again?

STORIES GRANDMOTHER TELLS



Grandmother tells the children good old stories.
She makes up stories for them.

Here are some stories she tells.
The children like them.
See if you like them.



Little Pig

His Eye

Little Pig lived in a pen.

He lived in a pen with his mother.

One day Little Pig was playing.
He found his eye.
Guess how he found it.
He put his foot in it.
That is how he found his eye.

Little Pig said, "Look, Mother!
What is this?"

Big Mother Pig said, "Oof! oof!
That is your eye, Little Pig.
You have two eyes."

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
What can I do with my two eyes?"

His mother said, "Oof! oof! oof!
You can see with your two eyes."

His Ear

Little Pig found his ear.
He put his foot in his ear.
That is how he found it.

Little Pig said, "Look, Mother!
What is this?"

Big Mother Pig said, "Oof! oof!
That is your ear, Little Pig.
You have two ears."

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
What can I do with my two ears?"

His mother said, "Oof! oof! oof!
You can hear with your two ears."

His Nose

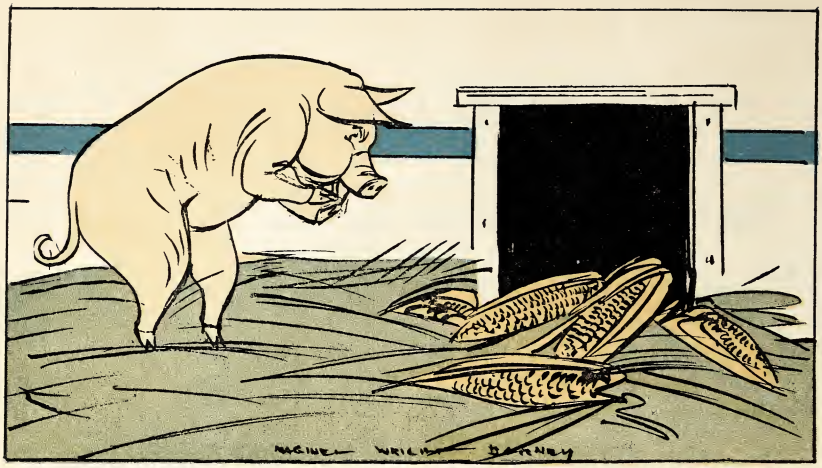
Little Pig found his nose.
He put his foot on his nose.
That is how he found it.

Little Pig said, "Look, Mother!
What is this?"

Big Mother Pig said, "Oof! oof!
That is your nose, Little Pig.
You have one nose."

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
What can I do with my one nose?"

His mother said, "Oof! oof! oof!
You can smell with your one nose."



His Mouth

Little Pig found his mouth.
He put his foot in his mouth.
That is how he found it.

Little Pig said, "Look, Mother!
What is this?"

Big Mother Pig said, "Oof! oof!
That is your mouth, Little Pig.
You have one mouth."

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
What can I do with my mouth?"

His mother said, "Oof! oof! oof!
You can eat with your mouth."

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
I hear something with my ears."

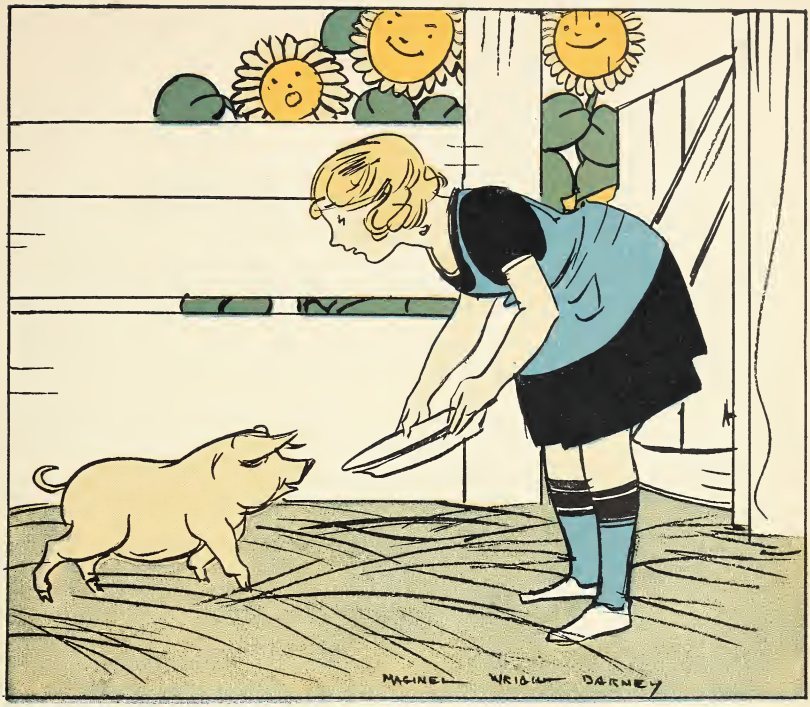
Big Mother Pig said,
"You hear some one coming."

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
I see something with my eyes."

Big Mother Pig said,
"You see Mary.
She is coming to the pen."

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
I smell something with my nose."

Big Mother Pig said,
"You smell your dinner, Little Pig."



Mary put the dinner in the pen.

Little Pig said, "Oh, Mother!
I know what to do with my mouth.
I will eat with it.
I will eat my dinner with my mouth."

And he did.

What the Little Pig Did

The little pig lived in — ——.
He lived with — ——.

The little pig had —— eyes.
He —— with his —— eyes.

The little pig had —— ears.
He —— with his —— ears.

The little pig had —— nose.
He —— with his nose.

The little pig had —— mouth.
He —— with his —— mouth.

What I Say

In the morning, I say ——.

When I go away, I say ——.

When I ask for a cooky, I say ——.

On your birthday, I say ——.

When you give me a ball, I say ——.

When I go to see you, I say ——.

How do you do

Happy birthday

Good-by

Good morning

Thank you

Please

The Man in the Moon

The man in the moon
Looked out of the moon,
Looked out of the moon and said,
"It is time for all little girls and boys
To think about going to bed."

The Cooky-Cake Man

The Cookies Run Away

A woman made some cookies.
She made some big round cookies
and one cooky-cake man.
She put them all in a pan.

The cooky-cake man jumped out.
Two big cookies jumped out.
Away they ran!

The woman called, "Stop, Cookies! Stop, Cooky-cake Man!"
"No, no!" said the big round Cookies.

The Cooky-cake Man said,

"Run, run, run,
As fast as you can!
You can't catch the Cookies
Or the Cooky-cake Man."

The Woman ran and ran.
She did not catch the Cooky-cake Man,
and she did not catch the Cookies.

Faster and faster
They rolled and they ran,
Two big round Cookies
And the Cooky-cake Man.

On they went till they met a Man.
The Man called, "Stop, stop, Cookies!"
"No, no!" said the big round Cookies.

The Cooky-cake Man said,
"We jumped from the pan,
And we rolled and we ran,
Two big round Cookies
And the Cooky-cake Man."

"I will catch you," said the Man.

The Cooky-cake Man said,
"Run, run, run,
As fast as you can!
You can't catch the Cookies
Or the Cooky-cake Man."

The Man ran and ran.
He did not catch the Cooky-cake Man,
and he did not catch the Cookies.

Faster and faster
They rolled and they ran,
Two big round Cookies
And the Cooky-cake Man.

They Meet a Boy

On they went till they met a Boy. The Boy called, "Stop, stop, Cookies!" "No, no!" said the big round Cookies.

The Cooky-cake Man said,

"We jumped from the pan,
And we rolled and we ran,
Two big round Cookies
And the Cooky-cake Man."

"I will catch you," said the Boy.

The Cooky-cake Man said,

"Run, run, run,
As fast as you can!
You can't catch the Cookies
Or the Cooky-cake Man."

The Boy ran and ran.
He caught a big round Cooky!

Faster and faster
They rolled and they ran,
One big round Cooky
And the Cooky-cake Man.

They Meet a Girl

On they went till they met a Girl. The Girl called, "Stop, stop, Cooky!" "No!" said the big round Cooky.

The Cooky-cake Man said,

"We jumped from the pan,
And we rolled and we ran,
The big round Cooky
And the Cooky-cake Man."

"I will catch you," said the Girl.

The Cooky-cake Man said,

"Run, run, run,
As fast as you can!
You can't catch the Cooky
Or the Cooky-cake Man."

The Girl ran and ran.

She caught the big round Cooky!

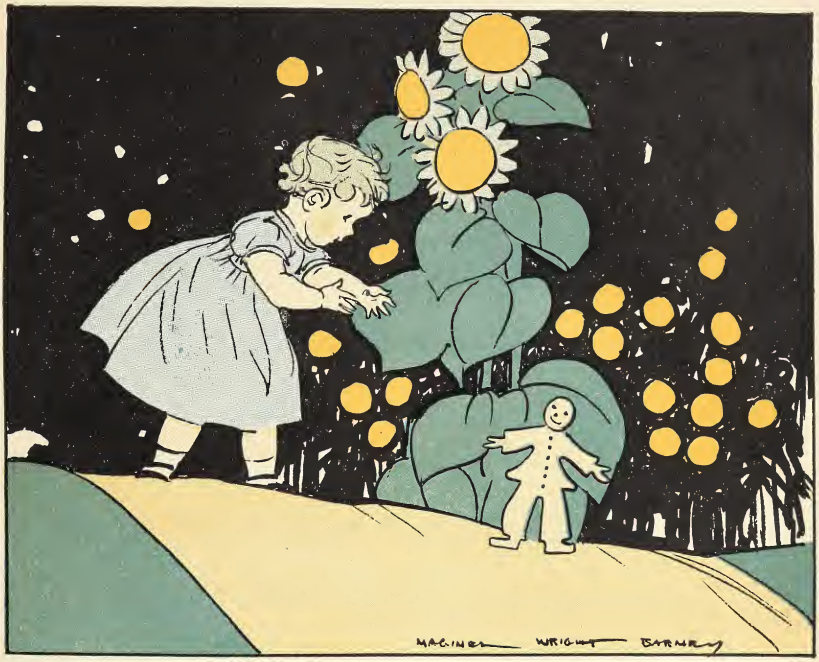
The Cooky-cake Man Meets Baby

The Cooky-cake Man ran on.
He ran till he met Baby.
Baby said, "Stop, Cooky-cake Man!"

The Cooky-cake Man said,
"Oh, no, Baby, no!
I am running away.
I jumped from the pan,
And I ran and I ran."

Baby said, "I want you."

The Cooky-cake Man said,
"Run, run, run,
As fast as you can,
You can't catch me,
The Cooky-cake Man."



Baby said, "I can't run fast.
Run to me, good Cooky-cake Man."

The Cooky-cake Man ran to Baby.
He jumped on Baby's hand.

"You are my Cooky-cake Man,"
said Baby.

Play

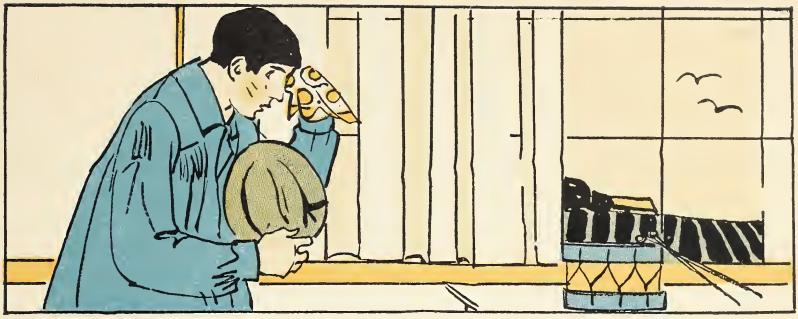
Play you are the woman.
Play you are making cookies.
Make some big round cookies.
Make a cooky-cake man.

Play you are the cooky-cake man.
Jump from the pan and run away.

Play you are the man.
Run to catch the cooky-cake man.

Play you are the girl.
Catch a big cooky.

Play you are Baby.
Get the cooky-cake man.



The Three Drummers

The Farmer

One day the Farmer said,
"I have to work all the time.
I do not want to work all the time.
I will not be a farmer.
I have a drum.
I will be a drummer."

So the Farmer stopped working.
He went about and beat his drum,
"Rat-a-tat-tat!"

The Miller came out.
He asked, "Why do you not work?
Why are you beating your drum?"

The Farmer said, "I will not work.
I am going to be a drummer."

The Miller asked, "If you stop work,
who will grow wheat for me?"

The Farmer said, "I do not know.
I will not grow wheat for you."

The Miller said, "What can I do?
If you do not grow wheat,
I can not make flour."

The Farmer said, "Do not make flour.
Get a drum and beat it.
We will be two drummers."

The Miller said, "I will, Farmer.
I will be a drummer."

So the Miller stopped working.
He and the Farmer beat the drums.

The Farmer's drum went,
"Rat-a-tat-tat!"
The Miller's drum went,
"Rub-a-dub-dub!"

The Baker

The Baker came out.
He asked, "Why do you not work?
Why are you beating the drums?"

The Farmer said, "I will not work.
I do not want to work all the time."

The Miller said, "I will not work.
The Farmer will not grow wheat,
and I can not make flour.
We are two drummers."

The Baker said, "What can I do?
If you do not make flour,
I can not make bread."

The Miller said, "Do not make bread.
Come and beat a drum.
We will be three drummers."

The Baker said, "I will, Miller. I will be a drummer."

So the Baker stopped working. They all beat the drums.

The Farmer's drum went,
"Rat-a-tat-tat!"
The Miller's drum went,
"Rub-a-dub-dub!"
The Baker's drum went,
"Boom! boom! boom!"

What the People Said

The people said, "Hear the drums!
We will see who are beating them."
They saw the Baker and asked,
"Baker, why are you not working?
Why are you not making bread?"

The Baker said,
I can not make bread."
"Why not?" asked the people.

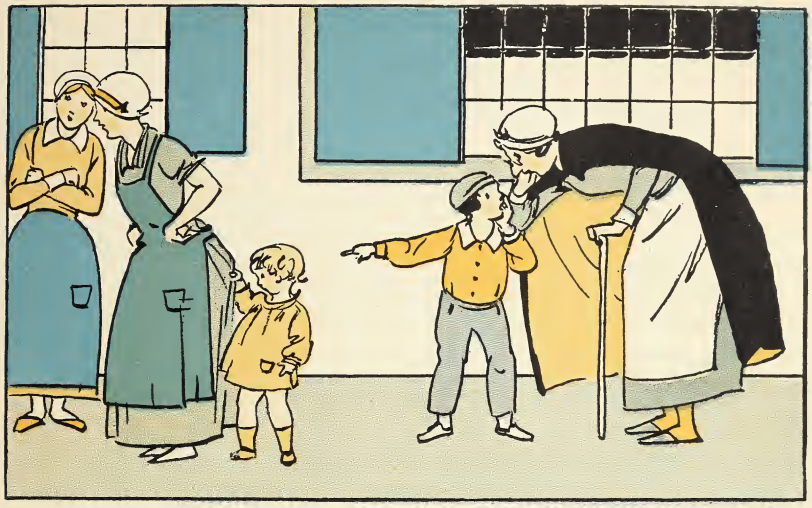
The Baker said, "I have no flour.
The Miller can't make flour for me."

The people asked, "Why is that?
Miller, why can't you make flour?"

The Miller said, "I have no wheat.
The Farmer will not grow wheat."

"Why will you not grow wheat?"
the people asked the Farmer.

He said, "I do not want to work.
I want to beat my drum.
The Miller and the Baker and I
are three drummers.
We will beat the drums for you."



What the Drummers Did

The people said, "Oh, no, Farmer.
We do not want you to beat drums.
We do not want three drummers.
We want a baker to make bread.
We want a miller to make flour.
We want a farmer to grow wheat.
Please stop beating your drums.
Be Baker, Miller, and Farmer again."

The Farmer stopped beating a drum
and went to work.
He grew wheat.

The Miller stopped beating a drum
and went to work.
He made flour.

The Baker stopped beating a drum
and went to work.
He made bread.

The people were happy.
They had a baker and a miller
and a farmer again.
And so they had bread.

What Can We Do?

We can be kind.

We can be true.

You can help me.

I can help you.

Who Am I?

A Boy

I am a man. Guess who I am.

A Girl

Do you make bread?

A Boy

No. I am not the baker.

A Girl

Do you have toys in your shop?

A Boy

No. I am not the toy man.

A Girl

Do you beat a drum?

A Boy

No. I am not the drummer.

A Girl

Do you make flour?

A Boy

No. I am not the miller.

A Girl

Tell me what you do.

A Boy

I grow wheat.

A Girl

I know who you are.
You are the farmer.

A Boy

Yes, I am the farmer.
The miller, the baker, and I give you bread.

The Turnip

Old Man and the Turnip

Old Man had a garden.
In the garden was a turnip.
The turnip grew and grew.

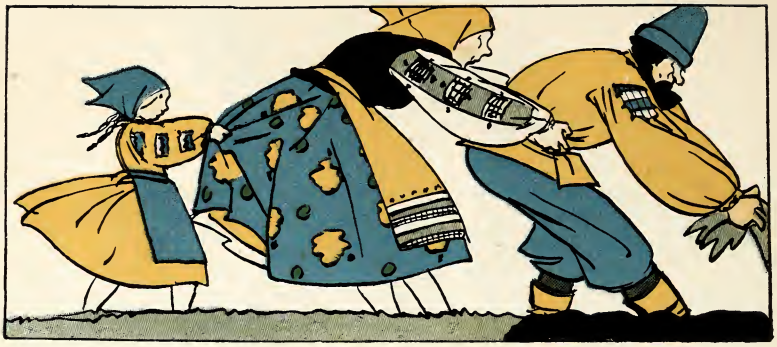
One day Old Man said,
"I am going to pull up that turnip."

Old Man pulled at the turnip,
but it did not come up.
He pulled and pulled and pulled,
but the turnip did not come up.

Old Woman Helps

Old Man called Old Woman.
He said, "Come here, Old Woman.
Please help me pull up this turnip.
Take hold of me.
Pull when I pull."

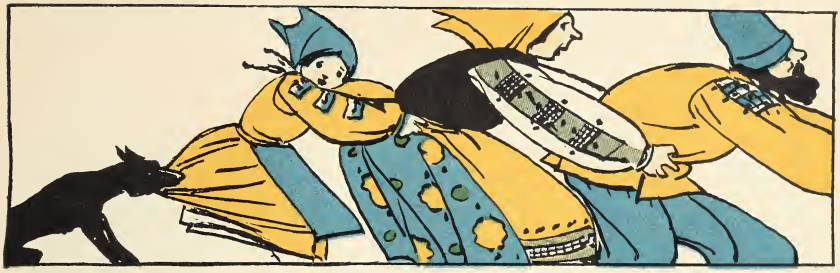
Old Man pulled at the turnip.
Old Woman pulled at Old Man.
They pulled and they pulled,
but the turnip did not come up.



Little Girl Helps

Old Woman called Little Girl.
She said, "Come here, Little Girl.
Please help me pull up this turnip.
Take hold of me.
Pull when I pull."

Old Man pulled at the turnip.
Old Woman pulled at Old Man.
Little Girl pulled at Old Woman.
They pulled and they pulled,
but the turnip did not come up.



Black Dog Helps

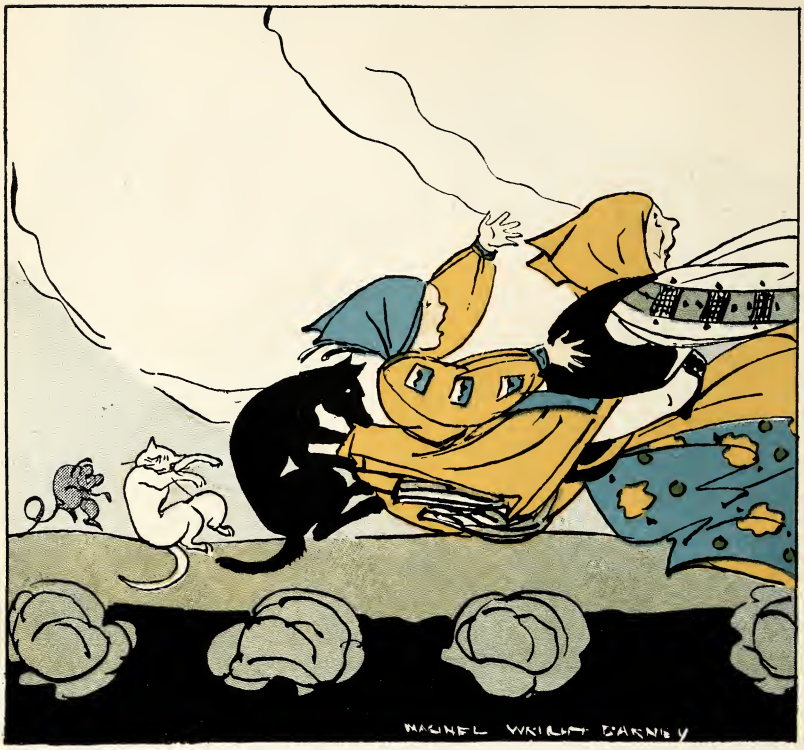
Little Girl called Black Dog.
She said, "Come here, Black Dog.
Please help me pull up this turnip.
Take hold of me.
Pull when I pull."

Old Man pulled at the turnip.
Old Woman pulled at Old Man.
Little Girl pulled at Old Woman.
Black Dog pulled at Little Girl.
They pulled and they pulled,
but the turnip did not come up.

White Cat Helps

Black Dog called White Cat.
He said, "Come here, White Cat.
Please help me pull up this turnip.
Take hold of me.
Pull when I pull."

Old Man pulled at the turnip.
Old Woman pulled at Old Man.
Little Girl pulled at Old Woman.
Black Dog pulled at Little Girl.
White Cat pulled at Black Dog.
They pulled and they pulled,
but the turnip did not come up.



Gray Mouse Helps

White Cat called Gray Mouse.
She said, "Come here, Gray Mouse.
Please help me pull up this turnip.
Take hold of me.
Pull when I pull."

Old Man pulled at the turnip.
Old Woman pulled at Old Man.
Little Girl pulled at Old Woman.
Black Dog pulled at Little Girl.
White Cat pulled at Black Dog.
Gray Mouse pulled at White Cat.
Up came the turnip!

GOOD-BY

Merry have we met,
And merry have we been,
Merry we will part,
And merry meet again.

WORD LIST

Stars mark words of highest frequency in both Gates' and Thorndike's first 500; these words are to be made part of the child's permanent sight-word vocabulary. Words used in only one selection are italicized; they may be treated as sight words and taught by context, not fixed as a part of the child's vocabulary. Parentheses inclose nonsense words and words some form of which has been used.

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9. happy
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for*
you*

10. ball*
Thank*
Mother*

11. It*
will*
like*

12. little*
automobile
Father*
I*
go*

13. Joe
and*
give*

14. horn
Mary

14. can*
blow
15. kiss
16. Play*
with*
me*
throw
to*
17. the*
catch
18. Do*
19. toys
are*
Baby
They*
20. man*
am*
have*
pretty*
girls*
boys*
21. Come*
see*
buy*
22. drum
Yes
23. balloon
24. said*
Good*
morning*
not*
beat
27. in*
shop
28. one*
want*
live*
29. She*
make*
up*
down*
30. came*
went*
were*
32. yellow
green*
blue*
34. Betty
saw*
doll
35. No*
put
away*
your*
break
36. Please*
Take*
37. did*
them*
was*
39. ring
40. all*
hands*
right*
left
around*
we*
41. shake
How*
wave
Good-by
42. True

43. (see-saw)
London
town
way*
44. Oh
know*
45. foot*
46. turn
47. Stop*
look*
48. Say*
49. stories*
tell*
about*
candle
wind*
sun*
Robin
50. Moon
bright
but*
(brighter)
than
51. out*
52. *strong*
(stronger)
53. who*
off*
his*
coat
If*
54. *blew*
get*
55. *warm**
made*
57. nest
that*
eggs*
58. birds*
from*
59. cat
climbed
tree*
60. caught
61. chil-
dren
times*
Kitty
Grand-
mother
62. called*
He*
Where*
63. had *
her*
mouth
ran
let*
64. tie
bell
neck
hear
65. (ting-a-
ling)
of*
68. asked*
70. two*
72. may*
75. smell
cookies
(cooky)
eat*

76. home*
77. again*
79. old*
some*
80. Pig*
eye*
pen
81. found*
(Oof)
82. ear*
83. nose
on*
86. dinner
89. When*
90. *think**
*bed**
91. (cooky-cake)
run*
woman*
round*
pan
jumped
92. as*
fast*
can't
or*
93. (faster)
rolled*
94. meet
till
met
103. three*
drum-mers
Farmer
work*
be*
So
(Rat-a-tat-tat)
104. Miller
Why
grow*
wheat
flour
105. (Rub-a-dub-dub)
106. Baker
107. bread*
108. (Boom)
109. people
112. grew
113. *kind**
help*
116. turnip
*garden**
pull
at
117. hold
119. Black*
Dog
120. White*
122. Gray
Mouse
124. *merry*
*been**
part

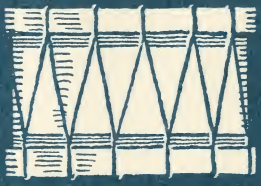
I have read about

Birthday Cake

Ball

Automobile

Horn



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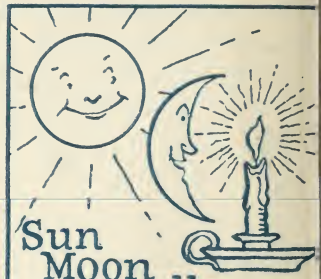

Sun
Moon
Candle

Robin and Nest

Little Pig
Mother Pig

Cooky-cake Man

Turnip

See-Saw

Doll

I have read about

Ted

Mother

Father

Mary

Betty

Baby

Toyman

Joe

Balloon Man

Grandmother

APR 2 3 1927
Kitty

Three Drummers